

CONGRESSMAN PETE KING

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CONGRESSMAN KING SUPPORTS PRESIDENT IN WAR AGAINST TERRORISM

September 11, 2001 was the most devastating day in American history. But it was also the day which personified the greatness of America and the spirit of New York. Inspired by the courage of the hundreds of firefighters, police officers and emergency service workers who gave their lives and by the memory of the thousands of other innocent Americans who were murdered that day, our nation has fought back. Our Commander in Chief, President Bush, declared war on international terrorism and that war is being fought in many

locations and in many ways.

An integral part of the war against terrorism was the war against Saddam Hussein's regime in Iraq. I voted to give the President the power to wage that war and I absolutely stand by that vote. The Middle East is the center of international terrorism. We could not hope to win the war against international terrorism so long as Saddam Hussein and his outlaw regime continued to defy the international community by refusing to account for their arsenal of weapons of mass destruction. The

American military achieved a remarkable victory in Iraq. Despite great obstacles and at great sacrifice our armed forces are now rebuilding that country and rooting out the last remnants of Hussein's supporters.

This effort will not be easy and American lives will be lost. But if September 11th taught us anything, it is that we cannot back down in the face of evil. We must stand united and speak with one voice. I assure you that I will continue to support our Commander in Chief. The legacy of September 11th requires no less.

REP. KING WELCOMES PRESIDENT TO CAPITOL HILL

THE CAPITOL – Congressman Pete King welcomed President Bush to a Capitol Hill meeting to discuss the war against international terrorism. Also pictured (l-r) are House Speaker Dennis Hastert, Senate Leader Bill Frist and Vice President Dick Cheney. Rep. King has strongly supported the President's efforts against terrorism.



CONGRESSMAN KING WELCOMES TONY BLAIR

Leads Effort To Honor British Leader

THE CAPITOL –

Congressman Pete King met with Tony Blair during the British Prime Minister's recent visit to Washington, D.C. Rep. King, who managed the bill on the House floor awarding Prime Minister Blair the Congressional Gold Medal (**H.R. 1511**), thanked him for his solidarity with the United States in the war against international terrorism.



Major Victory For Senior Citizens And Medical Facilities

Medicaid and healthcare costs are escalating dramatically across the country, particularly in New York State which has a high concentration of senior citizens and working families. These costs have had a severe impact on our state budget and the cost of running local government. Several years ago, I introduced a bill to adjust the Medicaid formula so that states such as New York would get more of the additional funding they need.

This has been a tough fight but in June Congress enacted legislation (**H.R. 2**) which included much of what I had been requesting. Specifically, it gives New York an additional **\$2 billion** for Medicaid and healthcare costs over the next two years. This money will provide the state with much needed help to offset its budget crisis and, most importantly, will assist senior citizens and needy families who require health care services. This was a major victory for New York which so often has

gotten shortchanged by the federal government over the years. But the fight is far from over. The \$2 billion package applies only for the next two years. My job is to make the formula changes permanent so that New York continues to receive the Medicaid funding it needs and deserves to reimburse health care providers including doctors, hospitals, nursing homes and clinics. I assure you, I will keep up that fight.

CONGRESSMAN KING APPOINTED TO HOMELAND SECURITY COMMITTEE

LOWER MANHATTAN – Congressman King has been appointed to the House Select Committee on Homeland Security which monitors our anti-terrorist efforts within the United States. As part of his duties, he regularly meets with FBI, Coast Guard, police and fire officials. After concluding an inspection tour of New York’s port facilities, Rep. King is pictured disembarking a Coast Guard helicopter.



CONGRESSMAN SUPPORTS LEGISLATION AGAINST BREAST CANCER

Breast cancer is a brutal disease which has an unusually high incidence rate on Long Island. Virtually everyone has had a family member or friend affected by breast cancer. As a Congressman I have constantly worked to combat this disease and meet regularly with breast cancer activists in our local communities. One particularly important bill I am sponsoring is the *Access to Mammography Act* (H.R. 817) which would increase Medicare

reimbursements for screening and diagnostic mammographies. (‘Screening’ mammographies are vital first steps in detecting possible breast cancer tumors while ‘diagnostic’ mammographies are used once a problem has been detected.) **H.R. 817** would make mammographies more affordable and would also increase the number of trained radiologists. Besides the Mammography Act I am supporting a series of bills targeting breast cancer. For example,

the *Breast Cancer Protection Act* (H.R. 1886) would require insurance companies to guarantee at least 48 hour hospital care after a mastectomy and the *Breast Cancer and Environmental Research Act* (H.R. 1746) would fund research centers studying the relationship between environmental factors and breast cancer. These bills are a vital part of the overall effort against breast cancer – an effort which requires us to mobilize every available resource until the day comes when a cure is found.



CONGRESSMAN KING, MAYOR DISTLER OPEN CANCER WELLNESS CENTER

LINDENHURST, NEW YORK – Congressman King and Mayor Lynda Distler (r.) participated in the official opening of the Cancer Help and Wellness Center located in the Village of Lindenhurst. The Center promotes cancer awareness and early detection, while providing support to cancer patients and survivors. Rep. King and Mayor Distler were joined by Fr. Thomas Arnao, the President of Breast Cancer Help, the organization which runs the Center, and Lorraine Pace who is the Co-President.

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REP. KING, L.I. DUCKS HONOR SEPT. 11th HEROES *Congressman Continues Efforts To Memorialize World Trade Center Victims*

CENTRAL ISLIP, N.Y. – Congressman King is congratulated by Long Island Ducks coach and former Met All-Star Bud Harrelson after throwing out the first pitch on "9/11 Heroes Night." Congressman King has worked closely with family members of the September 11th victims and is the sponsor of the *True American Heroes Act* (H.R. 1538) which awards Congressional Gold Medals to every police, fire and rescue worker killed on September 11th.

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